

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 24, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 530, 2/20/2017

Executive Action: HB 475, HB 504, HB 486, HB 189, HB 530, HJ 12 & HJ13

HEARING ON HJ 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:38 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HJ 12, Resolution encouraging Congress to require audit of Department of Defense.

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[EXHIBIT\(feh41a02\)](#)

00:02:01 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy joins meeting

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:02:32 Rep. Redfield

00:03:00 Rep. Bachmeier

00:03:38 Rep. McConnell joins the meeting

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:46 Rep. Bachmeier

00:04:10 Rep. C. Knudsen joins meeting

HEARING ON HJ 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:54 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HJ 13, Encourage national parks to hire locals.

00:08:35 Rep. Morigeau joins the meeting

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:44 Rep. Redfield

00:13:07 Rep. Olsen

00:13:57 Rep. Redfield

00:14:13 Rep. Olsen

00:15:17 Rep. McConnell

00:15:42 Rep. Olsen

00:16:39 Rep. Hertz

00:16:52 Rep. Olsen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:32 Rep. Olsen

00:20:10 Chair Zolnikov

00:20:44 Recess

00:44:24 Reconvene with Rep. Bishop & Rep. Hayman present and Rep. Rosendale excused

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 504

00:44:57 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 504 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:45:21 Vice Chair Hayman

00:45:45 Rep. O'Hara

00:46:48 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

00:47:37 Rep. Redfield

00:48:37 Rep. McConnell

00:49:43 Vice Chair Skees

00:53:14 Rep. Rosendale joins meeting

00:53:33 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. A. Hertz, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

00:54:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees made a substitute motion that **HB 504 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hayman voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 475

00:55:27 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 475 DO PASS.**

00:56:27 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 475 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

00:56:43 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Service Division, LSD

00:57:06 Chair Zolnikov

00:58:29 Rep. Olsen

00:59:25 Chair Zolnikov

01:00:08 Vice Chair Hayman

01:00:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:00:53 Chair Zolnikov

01:01:12 Rep. Olsen

01:01:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 475 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.
Motion carried 13-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep.
Redfield voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 189

01:02:43 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 189 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:03:05 Rep. Hertz

01:03:21 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Skees made a substitute motion that
HB 189 BE TABLED. Substitute Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep.
Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry
and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 486

01:05:11 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 486 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:05:24 Vice Chair Hayman

01:06:32 Rep. Morigeau

01:09:05 Rep. Bishop

01:10:09 Rep. Olsen

01:12:23 Rep. Hertz

01:12:56 Rep. Redfield move to table

Chair Doesn't recognize the motion

01:14:18 Vice Chair Skees

01:15:50 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

01:18:07 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion that **HB 486**
BE TABLED. Substitute Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop,
Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and
Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:19:16 Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON HB 530

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:49 Rep. Adam Rosendale (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 530, Establish
requirements for advanced meter usage.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:05 Janice Lynn, Self

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[**EXHIBIT\(feh41a05\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(feh41a06\)**](#)

EXHIBIT(feh41a07)

01:30:36 Mae Woo, Self

EXHIBIT(feh41a08)

01:38:47 Tony O'Donnell, Self

01:43:13 Joseph Cozzie, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:44:44 Brandon Wittman, Yellowstone Valley Electric

01:52:59 Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric

01:55:31 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

Informational Testimony:

01:57:44 Will Rosquist, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:58:21 Rep. Redfield
 01:58:41 Brandon Wittman
 01:59:28 Rep. Olsen
 02:00:34 Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric
 02:01:03 Rep. Olsen
 02:01:11 Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric
 02:02:11 Rep. Olsen
 02:02:41 Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric
 02:03:15 Rep. Olsen
 02:03:30 Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric
 02:03:58 Rep. Olsen
 02:04:08 Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric
 02:04:39 Chair Zolnikov
 02:05:41 Doug Hardy, MECA
 02:08:17 Chair Zolnikov
 02:08:30 Doug Hardy, MECA
 02:09:24 Chair Zolnikov
 02:10:45 Brandon Wittman, Yellowstone Electric
 02:11:19 Rep. Custer
 02:11:30 Brandon Wittman, Yellowstone Electric
 02:11:36 Rep. Custer
 02:11:49 Brandon Wittman, Yellowstone Electric
 02:11:58 Rep. Custer
 02:12:35 Brandon Wittman, Yellowstone Electric
 02:13:23 Rep. Olsen
 02:14:54 Brandon Wittman, Yellowstone Electric
 02:15:36 Vice Chair Skees
 02:16:17 Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric
 02:17:13 Vice Chair Skees
 02:18:05 Doug Hardy, MECA
 02:18:46 Vice Chair Skees
 02:19:11 Rep. Rosendale

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:19 Rep. Rosendale

02:20:34 Chair Zolnikov

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 12

02:21:26 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 12 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:22:04 Chair Zolnikov

02:22:10 Rep. Olsen

02:23:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 12 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

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02:24:10 **Motion:** Rep. A. Hertz moved that **HJ 12 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:24:22 Rep. Hertz

02:24:56 Vice Chair Hayman

02:26:15 Chair Zolnikov

02:26:59 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hayman made a substitute motion that **HJ 12 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 5-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

02:28:26 Rep. Hertz

02:28:49 Rep. Olsen

02:30:05 Rep. Redfield

02:30:16 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

02:30:43 Chair Zolnikov

02:30:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 12 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau and Rep. Redfield voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 13

02:32:04 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 13 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:32:19 Rep. Custer
02:32:40 Rep. Redfield
02:32:59 Rep. Bishop

02:33:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Rosendale, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

02:34:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 13 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 530

02:35:33 **Motion:** Rep. Rosendale moved that **HB 530 DO PASS**.

02:35:41 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. McConnell made a substitute motion that **HB 530 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 12-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Olsen, Rep. Rosendale, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

02:37:19 Rep. Redfield
02:37:50 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
02:39:06 Rep. Bishop
02:39:26 Rep C. Knudsen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:39:49

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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